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H.B. No. 3499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of telehealth services by health professionals located outside of this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 111, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 111.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 111.009. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOCATED OUTSIDE OF STATE.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, a health professional located outside of this state who holds an active and unencumbered license issued by another state may provide to a patient located in this state a telehealth service if the health professional is authorized to provide the service by the state in which the health professional is licensed.

(b) The standard of care for a health professional who provides a telehealth service to a patient under this section is the same as the standard of care for a health professional who provides an in-person health care service to a patient.

(c) A practitioner-patient relationship may be established through a telehealth service provided under this section.

(d) An agency with regulatory authority over a health professional shall adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.